

REMARKS

Claims 16-19 and 24-28 were allowed.

Claims 1,2,7,8,11,12,14,20 and 23 were rejected.

Claims 3-6,9,10,13,15 and 22 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected claims.

The claims were amended according to the Examiner's request

Claims 1,2,7,8,11,12,14,20 and 23 have been cancelled.

Each of claims 3-6,9,10,13,15 and 22 was amended to overcome the objection.

Claim 3 depended upon rejected claims 1 and 2. It was amended to include the limitations of claims 1 and 2 .

Claim 4 depended upon claim 1. It was amended to include the limitations of claim 1.

Claims 5 and 6 depend upon claim 4. As claim 4 was amended to overcome the objection, claims 5 and 6 should be allowed.

Claims 9 and 10 depended upon rejected claims 8,7, and 1. Claims 9 and 10 were amended to include the limitations of claims 1,7, and 8.

Claim 13 depended upon claim 12. It was amended to include the limitations of claim 12.

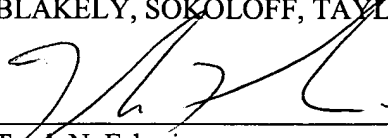
Claim 15 depended upon claims 14 and 12. It was amended to include the limitations of claims 14 and 12

Claims 21 and 22 depended upon claim 20. They were amended to include the limitations of claim 20.

Respectfully submitted,

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